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The small government force that is trying to move down Route 4 to relieve the besieged garrison at Kompong Seila is being assigned additional armored personnel carriers. The relief force is still about 20 miles short of its objective.

In the northwest, reinforcements are being added to the faltering government effort to relieve Khmer Communist pressure against a village 25 miles south of Battambang City. The insurgents, meanwhile, have isolated another small garrison 15 miles west of Battambang. The recent upsurge in Communist activity in Battambang appears aimed at gaining control over more of the population and rice-growing lands.

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Closer to Phnom Penh, insurgent units on July 23 reportedly overran an 180-man government position east of Lovek on the east bank of the Tonle Sap. Elsewhere in this sector two Cambodian Army brigades launched a clearing operation on July 23 west of the recently recaptured town of Oudong.